

Extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project: H.R. 4434, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 126.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 17.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:38 p.m. and reconvened at 5:33 p.m.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that he had issued an Executive Order that expands the scope of previous Executive Orders and facilitates implementation of certain provisions of the North Korea Sanctions and Policy Enhancement Act of 2016—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–117).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H1396, H1416.

Senate Referral: S. 337 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1401–02, H1402, and H1402–03. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the National Park Service. Testimony was heard from Jon Jarvis, Director, National Park Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Department of Agriculture, Research, Education, and Economics. Testimony was heard from Catherine E. Woteki, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics; Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; Sonny Ramaswamy, Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture; Mary Bohman, Administrator, Economic Research Service; Joseph Reilly, Adminis-

trator, National Agricultural Statistics Service; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a budget hearing on the Department of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Jack Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a budget hearing on the National Institutes of Health. Testimony was heard from Francis S. Collins, Director, National Institutes of Health.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the National Science Foundation. Testimony was heard from France A. Cordova, Director, National Science Foundation.

APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN AFFAIRS; BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION SCHOOLS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on Indian Affairs; and an oversight hearing on Bureau of Indian Education Schools. Testimony was heard from Lawrence “Larry” Roberts, Acting Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Charles “Monty” Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education; and Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and Melissa Emrey-Arras, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a budget hearing on U.S. Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Gayle Smith, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FROM THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2017 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Military Departments”. Testimony was heard from Patrick J. Murphy, Acting Secretary of the Army, U.S. Army; General Mark A. Milley, Chief of Staff of the Army, U.S. Army; Ray Mabus, Secretary of the Navy, U.S. Navy; Admiral John M. Richardson, Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; General Robert B. Neller, Commandant of the Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps; Deborah Lee James, Secretary of the Air Force, U.S. Air Force; and General Mark A. Welsh III, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, U.S. Air Force.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET REQUEST FOR U.S. CYBER COMMAND: PREPARING FOR OPERATIONS IN THE CYBER DOMAIN

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request for U.S. Cyber Command: Preparing for Operations in the Cyber Domain”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Michael Rogers, USN, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 ARMY AND AIR FORCE ROTORCRAFT MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2017 Army and Air Force Rotorcraft Modernization Programs”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Arnold W. Bunch, Jr., USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition); Lieutenant General James M. “Mike” Holmes, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Requirements; Lieutenant General Michael E. Williamson, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology); and Major General Michael D. Lundy, USA, Commander, Army Aviation Center of Excellence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a markup on the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017. The Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 was ordered reported, as amended.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Labor”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Perez, Secretary, Department of Labor.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a markup on the “Pipeline Safety Act of 2016”. The “Pipeline Safety Act of 2016” was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

DISRUPTER SERIES: DIGITAL CURRENCY AND BLOCK CHAIN TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Disrupter Series: Digital Currency and Block Chain Technology”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Semi-Annual Report of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection”. Testimony was heard from Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

THE FDIC'S TARGETING OF REFUND ANTICIPATION LOANS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The FDIC's Targeting of Refund Anticipation Loans”. Testimony was heard from Fred W. Gibson, Jr., Acting Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 343, expressing concern regarding persistent and credible reports of systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from non-consenting prisoners of conscience in the People's Republic of China, including from large numbers of Falun Gong practitioners and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups; and H.R. 4678, to prohibit modification, abrogation, abandonment, or other related actions with respect to United States jurisdiction and control over United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, without congressional action. H. Res. 343 was ordered reported, as

amended. H.R. 4678 was ordered reported, without amendment.

DHS IN TODAY'S DANGEROUS WORLD: EXAMINING THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET AND READINESS TO COUNTER HOMELAND THREATS

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “DHS in Today's Dangerous World: Examining the Department's Budget and Readiness to Counter Homeland Threats”. Testimony was heard from Jeh C. Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup on a resolution to amend the Committee regulations collectively known as the Guide to Outfitting and Maintaining an Office of the U.S. House of Representatives; a resolution to approve regulations pursuant to H. Res. 5 regarding Congressional Member Organizations; a resolution to amend the Committee regulations collectively known as the Members' Congressional Handbook; and a resolution to amend the Committee regulations collectively known as the Committee Handbook. The resolution to amend the Committee regulations collectively known as the Guide to Outfitting and Maintaining an Office of the U.S. House of Representatives and the resolution to approve regulations pursuant to H. Res. 5 regarding Congressional Member Organizations were adopted, without amendment. The resolution to amend the Committee regulations collectively known as the Members' Congressional Handbook and the resolution to amend the Committee regulations collectively known as the Committee Handbook were adopted, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4731, the “Refugee Program Integrity Restoration Act of 2016”. H.R. 4731 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 87, the “Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act”; H.R. 295, to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program; H.R. 329, the “Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2015”; H.R. 496, the “Alabama Hills National Scenic Area Establishment Act”; H.R. 1621, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes; H.R. 1838, the

“Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act”; H.R. 2009, the “Pascua Yaqui Tribe Land Conveyance Act of 2015”; H.R. 2733, the “Nevada Native Nations Land Act”; H.R. 3070, the “EEZ Clarification Act”; H.R. 3211, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon; H.R. 3826, the “Mount Hood Cooper Spur Land Exchange Clarification Act”; H.R. 4579, the “Utah Test and Training Range Encroachment Prevention and Temporary Closure Act”; and H.R. 4680, to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of promoting and protecting the natural, historic, and cultural resources of our National Parks for the enjoyment of present and future generations, and for other purposes. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 87, H.R. 295, H.R. 329, H.R. 496, H.R. 1621, H.R. 1838, H.R. 2009, H.R. 2733, H.R. 3070, H.R. 3826, H.R. 4579, and H.R. 4680, H.R. 3211 was ordered reported, without amendment.

REBUILDING AFGHANISTAN: OVERSIGHT OF DEFENSE DEPARTMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Rebuilding Afghanistan: Oversight of Defense Department Infrastructure Projects”. Testimony was heard from John Sopko, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; Christine S. Abizaid, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia, Department of Defense; Howard Strickley, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Transatlantic Division, Department of Defense; and Randy Brown, Director, Air Force Civil Engineering Center, Department of Defense.

VA CYBERSECURITY AND IT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Technology held a hearing entitled “VA Cybersecurity and IT Oversight”. Testimony was heard from LaVerne Council, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Chief Information Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Brent Arronte, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Department of Veterans Affairs.

EXAMINING THE RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, joint hearing entitled “Examining the Renewable

Fuel Standard”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Grundler, Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

HOUSE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO APPEAR AS AMICUS CURIAE ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE MATTER OF UNITED STATES, ET AL. V. TEXAS, ET AL., NO. 15–674

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a markup and hearing on H. Res. 639, authorizing the Speaker to appear as amicus curiae on behalf of the House of Representatives in the matter of United States, et al. v. Texas, et al., No. 15–674. H. Res. 639 was ordered reported, without amendment. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gowdy and Lofgren.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the Budget Proposal for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for Fiscal Year 2017”. Testimony was heard from Willie E. May, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the Budget Proposal for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for Fiscal Year 2017”. Testimony was heard from Kathryn Sullivan, Undersecretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce, and Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

SBA MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE CHALLENGES: THE INSPECTOR GENERAL’S PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “SBA Management and Performance Challenges: The Inspector General’s Perspective”. Testimony was heard from Peggy E. Gustafson, Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity; and Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on draft legislation to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain physicians and other employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Organizational Excellence, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

PRESERVING AND STRENGTHENING MEDICARE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Preserving and Strengthening Medicare”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4472, the “Modernizing the Interstate Placement of Children in Foster Care Act”; H.R. 4722, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require inclusion of the taxpayer’s social security number to claim the refundable portion of the child tax credit; H.R. 4723, the “Protecting Taxpayers by Recovering Improper Obamacare Subsidy Overpayments Act”; and H.R. 4724, the “Reducing Duplicative and Ineffective Federal Funding Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4472, H.R. 4722, H.R. 4723, and H.R. 4724.

FBI FY 2017 BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats held a hearing on FBI FY 2017 Budget. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Senate Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple Veterans Service Organizations, after receiving testimony from Virgil Courneya, Fleet

Reserve Association, Carson City, Nevada; Senior Master Sergeant Larry Hyland, USAF (Ret.), The Retired Enlisted Association, Palm Bay, Florida; David Brasuell, Idaho Department of Veterans Services, Boise, on behalf of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs; Commander René, A. Campos, USN (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia; Chief Master Sergeant Robert L. Frank, USAF (Ret.), Air Force Sergeants Association, Springfield, Virginia; Charles Susino, Jr., American Ex-Prisoners of War, Metuchen, New Jersey; Sergeant Major H. Gene Overstreet, USMC (Ret.), Non Commissioned Officers Association, Seguin, Texas; Jerome Blum, Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Colchester, Connecticut; and Paul Rieckhoff, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, New York, New York.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense budget posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 2177 and H.R. 959, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi, S. 651 and H.R. 1289, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain land in Martinez, California, for inclusion in the John Muir National Historic Site, H.R. 1949, to provide for the consideration and submission of site and design proposals for the National Liberty Memorial approved for establishment in the District of Columbia, S. 1329 and H.R. 2288, bills to remove the use restrictions on certain land transferred to Rockingham County, Virginia, H.R. 2880, to redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, S. 1930 and H.R. 3371, bills to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, S. 119, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, S. 718, to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, S. 770, to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monu-

ment and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance, S. 1577, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1943, to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in the State of Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, S. 1975, to establish the Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1982, to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance, S. 1993, to establish the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps to place youth and veterans in the United States in national service positions to protect, restore, and enhance the great outdoors of the United States, S. 2039, to designate the mountain at the Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming, as Devils Tower, S. 2061, to designate a National Memorial to Fallen Educators at the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas, S. 2309, to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the U.S. Civil Rights Network, S. 2608, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to place signage on Federal land along the trail known as the "American Discovery Trail", S. 2620, to facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park, S. 2628, to authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, 3 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine HealthCare.gov, focusing on a review of operations and enrollment, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the Administration's nuclear agenda, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine agency use of deference, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 2390, to provide adequate protections for whistleblowers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, S. 2613, to reauthorize certain programs established by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, S. 2614, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism, and the nominations of Elizabeth J. Drake, of Maryland, Jennifer Choe Groves, of Virginia, and Gary Stephen Katzmman, of Massachusetts, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and